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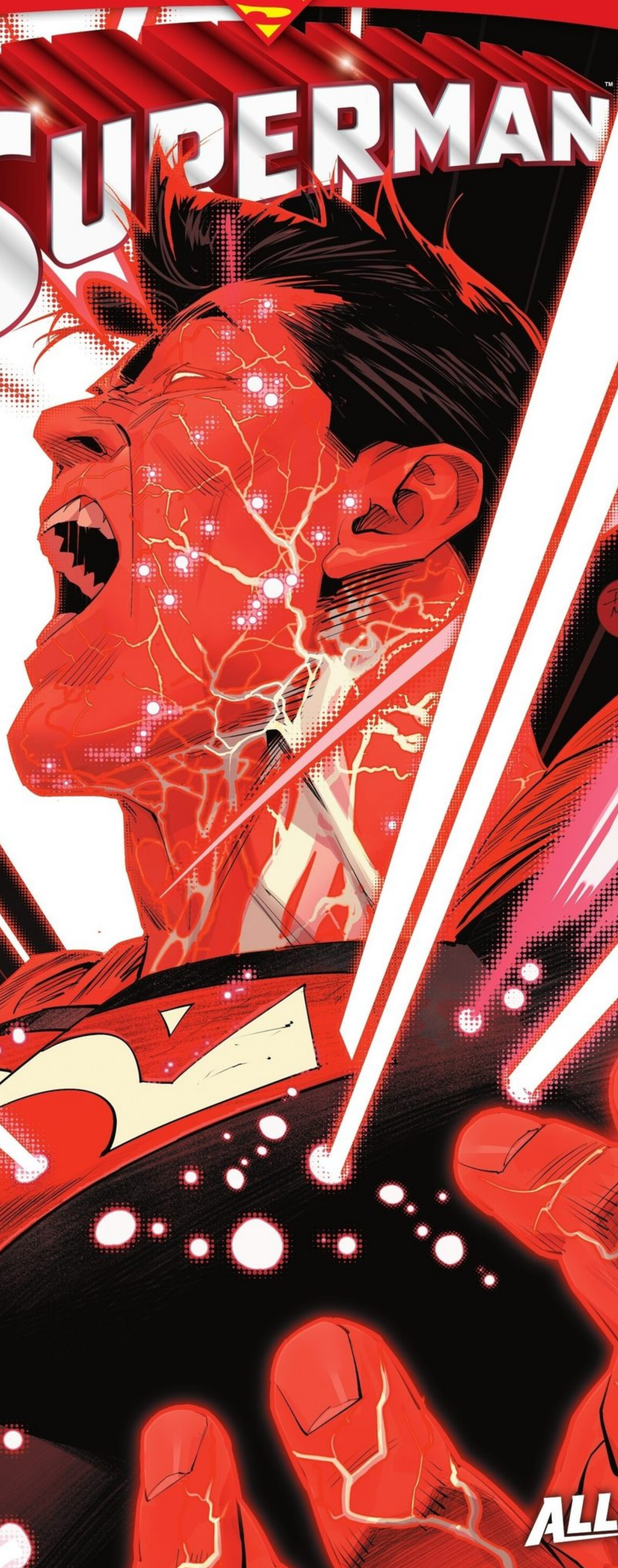

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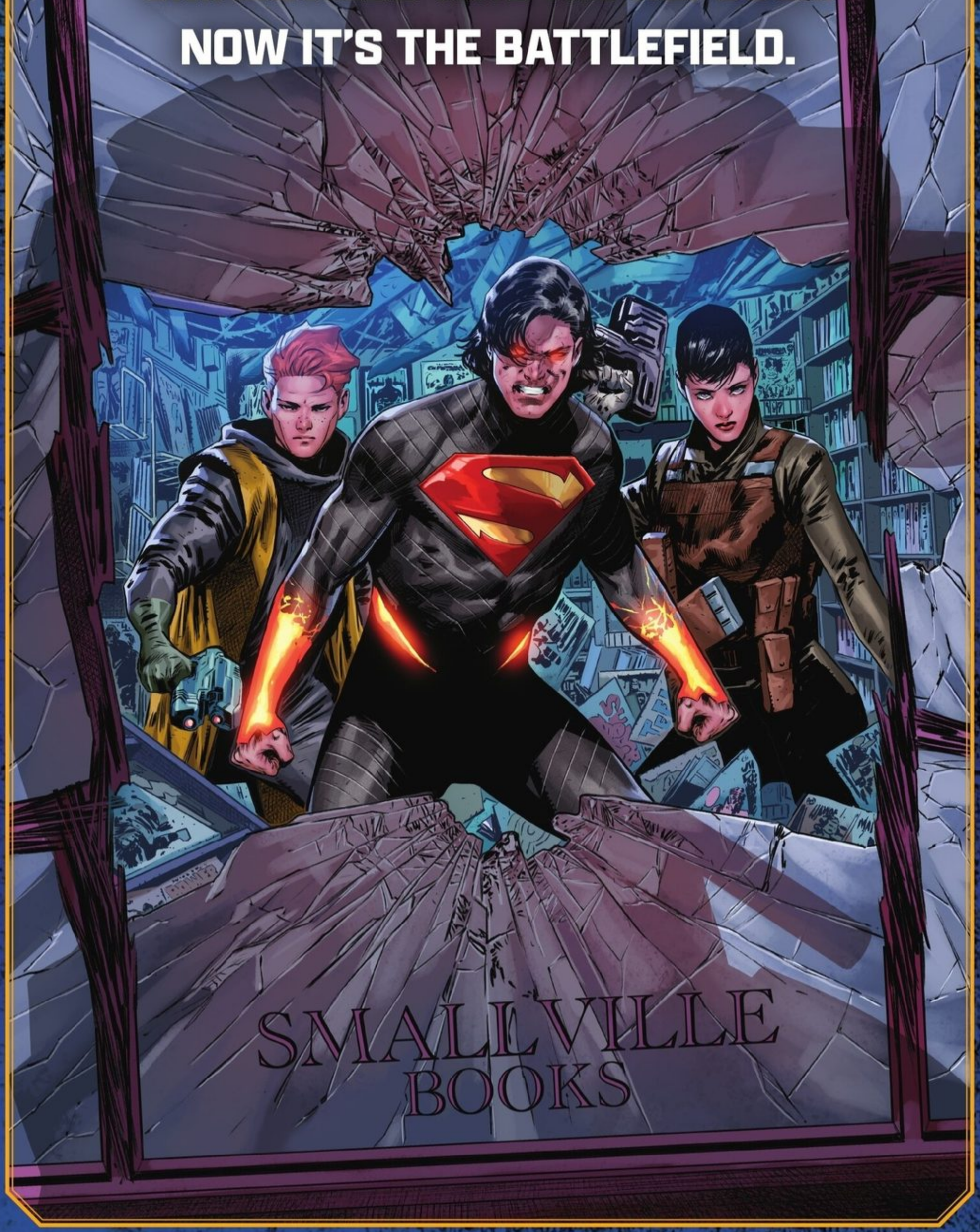
SMALLVILLE WAS HIS REFUGE...
NOW IT'S THE BATTLEFIELD.



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THE SECOND EPIC
ARC BEGINS
JUNE

"YOU MUST HAVE FELT IT. YOUR ANGER IS GROWING. INFECTING YOU...

"...PHARM AND GRAFT'S SYNTHETIC ***RED*** KRYPTONITE. IT'S STILL IN YOUR SYSTEM, SUPERMAN. FUELED BY YOUR NEGATIVE EMOTIONS. PUSHING YOU. WE'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT.

"YOUR INVULNERABILITY WAS KEEPING IT IN CHECK...BUT WHEN AMANDA WALLER STOLE YOUR POWERS, IT KICKED INTO OVERDRIVE.

EVEN WITH YOUR POWERS BACK...

UNTIL WE FIND A WAY TO PURGE THE RED K FROM YOUR SYSTEM, WE NEED TO BE EXTRA CAREFUL THAT YOU DON'T...

"...LOSE CONTROL."

LUTHOR! WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?!

STRYKER'S ISLAND PENITENTIARY. EARLIER THAT DAY.

YOU SHOULDN'T BE HERE.

SUPERMAN RED

PART ONE

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BECAUSE YOU DON'T WANT TO SEE ME?

BECAUSE I DON'T WANT MY *DAUGHTER* IN A *PRISON.*

"STRYKER'S IS DANGEROUS. THERE ARE *VERY BAD* PEOPLE HERE THAT DO *VERY BAD* THINGS."

LIKE YOU?

LENA.

I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU'RE UPSET. BUT LISTEN TO ME. I HAD NO IDEA WHAT MERCY WAS PLANNING...

I WOULD NEVER HURT YOU.

YOU GAVE ME TO BRAINIAC WHEN I WAS A BABY!

AND THEN WHEN YOU GOT ME *BACK,* YOU LEFT ME ON AN ISLAND WITH YOUR *HATEFUL MOTHER* AND ACTED LIKE I DIDN'T *EXIST.*

TO PROTECT YOU.

TO PROTECT *YOU!*

IT'S ALWAYS ABOUT YOU. WHAT *YOU* WANT.

ALWAYS.

THE LAST FEW WEEKS, I THOUGHT... I THOUGHT FOR ONCE WE COULD BE HAPPY. TOGETHER.

BUT EVEN THEN, I WASN'T THINKING ABOUT *MY* HAPPINESS. I WAS THINKING ABOUT *YOURS!*

AND YOU RUINED IT!

VISITING HOURS ARE OVER, LUTHOR.

LET US HAVE MORE TIME.

YOU'VE ALREADY HAD ENOUGH OF MY TIME...

JUSTICE LEAGUE UNLIMITED WATCHTOWER.

YOU'RE RIGHT, SUPERWOMAN.

YOUR POWERS ARE *GONE.*

IT APPEARS THE POWER CELLS IN YOUR SYSTEM ARE COMPLETELY DRAINED. AND YELLOW SUNLIGHT IS ***NOT*** RECHARGING THEM.

AND SINCE WE DON'T KNOW WHERE THEY CAME FROM IN THE FIRST PLACE, WE HAVE NO IDEA IF THE POWERS WENT BACK TO THEIR ***OWNER*** OR ARE ***GONE COMPLETELY.***

THE ATOM PROJECT LAB.

THAT ISN'T TO SAY THEY CAN'T RETURN.

WE'LL NEED TO RUN MORE TESTS.

TESTS?

NO THANK YOU, MICHAEL.

NOW I CAN HITCH A RIDE ON THE BOOM TUBE TO METROPOLIS, RIGHT?

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

THE *DAILY PLANET*. I HAVE WORK TO DO.

LOIS...

LISTEN. I'M OKAY. I AM.

BUT--

NO BUTS.

I HAVE STORIES TO EDIT. A PAPER TO GET OUT.

SUPERWOMAN WAS FUN WHILE IT LASTED, BUT I DIDN'T ***NEED*** IT.

I LOVED THE LIFE I HAD BEFORE THE POWERS, AND I LOVE IT NOW. POWERS OR NO POWERS.

AND AFTER WHAT HAPPENED WITH JIMMY, I WAS CONSIDERING HANGING UP THE CAPE ANYWAY.

AT LEAST THIS WAY...

...I LOST THE POWERS SAVING THE CITY I LOVE.

TRUST ME...

INTERLUDE.

THE KHUNDS HAVE BREACHED THE HULL!

ZOD, WE MUST DO SOMETHING. YOU MUST DEFEND US!

THE KHUNDS HAVE SOME NEW WEAPON WE HAVE NOT SEEN BEFORE...

WHAT *KIND* OF WEAPON?

YOUR SHIP IS *OURS* NOW, ZOD.

ZAP ZAP

ZAP

SUPERCORP.

HOW ARE YOU NOT LOCKED UP WITH MY DAD?!

LENA... CALM DOWN.

YOUR FATHER TOLD THE POLICE ***THE TRUTH.*** THAT ONE OF ***HIS*** EXPERIMENTS ESCAPED AND HE WORKED WITH SUPERMAN TO SAVE THE CITY. I COMMITTED ***NO CRIME.***

HE'S COVERING FOR YOU?

AS ***I*** HAVE COVERED FOR HIM.

MANY TIMES.

IT'S ***HIS*** TURN NOW.

HE WAS GETTING ***BETTER.*** WHY DID YOU DO THIS?

IT'S HARD TO LOVE SOMEONE AND NOT WANT TO CONTROL THEM.

YOU SOUND LIKE MY DAD...

I'M FLATTERED.

BUT SINCE YOU'RE HERE...I WANT TO OFFER YOU A NEW POSITION. MY PERSONAL ASSISTANT. JUST LIKE THE ROLE I HAD WITH YOUR FATHER.

YOU'RE EASILY THE SMARTEST PERSON AT SUPERCORP... MAYBE EVEN ***MORE SO...***

YOU THINK I'D WORK WITH YOU AFTER WHAT YOU DID?

I TRUSTED YOU...

WE ***ALL*** DID.

NEVER AGAIN.

GOOD LUCK WITH HER, SUPERMAN!

THINK ABOUT MY OFFER, LENA!

LENA?!

MERCY, WHY WOULD LENA WORK WITH SOMEONE WHO BETRAYED HER?

LENA'S A SMART GIRL, SUPERMAN.

SHE KNOWS HER PLACE IS HERE.

THAT ***SUPERCORP*** IS WHERE SHE CAN DO THE MOST ***GOOD.***

YOU'LL SEE THAT, TOO.

I DON'T CARE HOW GOOD YOUR LAWYERS ARE. YOUR ACCESS TO THE WATCHTOWER IS DENIED. MR. TERRIFIC HAS TERMINATED ANY TECH CONNECTED TO THE JUSTICE LEAGUE.

SUPERCORP IS *OVER,* MERCY.

ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THAT, SUPERMAN?

THINK ABOUT ALL THE GOOD WE'VE DONE TOGETHER.

SO WHAT IF WE HAD OUR FIRST *FIGHT.* THAT'S HEALTHY. ALL THE BEST WORKING RELATIONSHIPS HAVE A LITTLE CONFLICT. IT HELPS THEM THRIVE.

WE HAVE NO RELATIONSHIP.

I'M SHUTTING YOU DOWN.

THE *ONLY* PERSON WHO CAN STOP SUPERCORP IS *MR. LUTHOR.*

YOU'LL HAVE TO SPEAK TO *HIM.* AND I HIGHLY DOUBT HE'S GOING TO SEE THINGS *YOUR WAY.*

MS. GRAVES, WE HAVE A PROBLEM. ONE OF THE *SUPERBIKES* WAS JUST STOLEN FROM LOCKUP.

WHAT? THOSE ARE UNDER OUR BEST SECURITY MEASURES-- NO ONE SHOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE ONE. WHO STOLE IT?

IT WAS LENA LUTHOR, MA'AM.

DAMMIT.

I THINK LENA JUST GAVE YOU HER ANSWER, MERCY...

"...LENA'S GONE."

Midvale
Home of
Supergirl!

INTERLUDE

THE END OF TIME.
AHHHHH!
KRRRRT

DON'T KILL HIM, LIGHTNING LAD. THAT'S WHAT TIME TRAPPER *WANTS.*
OH, I'M TAKING HIM RIGHT TO THE EDGE, COSMIC BOY. JUST ENOUGH *PAIN.*
YOU GETTING WHAT YOU NEED, SATURN GIRL? WHY DID HE TRY TO WORK WITH THIS WORLD'S SUPERMAN?
HIS SUPERMAN IS *FASCINATING.* HE'S SO DIFFERENT FROM THE ONE WHERE WE COME FROM.
HURT HIM MORE. HIS MIND'S DEFENSES ARE CRACKING. I WANT TO KNOW...

"...WHY LORD DARKSEID SEES ANYONE WITH THAT MUCH COMPASSION...AS A ***THREAT.***"

BUSY DAY.

THIS WILL BE ***SHORT.***

DO YOU HAVE ANY OTHER TRICKS UP YOUR SLEEVE I SHOULD KNOW ABOUT?

ANY OTHER ***DANGEROUS CLONES*** OF YOURSELF WITH MY ***POWERS?***

YES, I BUILT X-EL TO BE USED AS A WEAPON. ***BUT*** I KNEW IT WAS DANGEROUS AND NEVER USED IT.

THAT SHOULD COUNT FOR ***SOMETHING.***

YOU ***KILLED*** HIM.

TO SAVE METROPOLIS.

LOIS UNDERSTOOD. THAT'S WHY SHE SACRIFICED HERSELF, RIGHT?

HOW IS LOIS DOING, BY THE WAY? ***POST-SUPERWOMAN,*** THAT IS.

LUTHOR...

DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE CAMERAS. IF ANYONE WERE TO WATCH THEM, THEY'D THINK WE WERE TALKING ABOUT...

...AND THAT'S HOW THE METROPOLIS METEORS BEAT THE GOTHAM GRIFFINS...

LISTEN TO ME, SUPERMAN. I WANT US TO WORK TOGETHER AGAIN. TO BE A ***TEAM.***

YOU ARE STAYING IN ***PRISON.*** THIS WILL BE THE LAST TIME WE SPEAK.

HOLD ON. LET ME PROVE YOU ***NEED*** ME.

I CAN GIVE LOIS HER POWERS BACK.

EXCUSE ME?

I KNOW HOW TO DO IT. IT WOULDN'T BE ***HARD.***

I DON'T TRUST YOU.

THEN THINK OF LOIS...WHAT YOUR WIFE MUST BE FEELING RIGHT NOW...

"...TO BE SO CLOSE TO GREATNESS.

"ALL THAT *POWER.*

DAILY PLANET

"SHE COULD FLY BY YOUR SIDE. KNOW WHAT IT FELT LIKE TO BE *YOU.* BUT IT WASN'T *JUST* ABOUT THE POWER FOR HER, WAS IT? SHE KNEW SHE COULD TRULY MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD INSTEAD OF REPORTING ON IT.

"TO HAVE THAT *LIFE* YANKED AWAY...

"WHAT DOES THAT DO TO A PERSON...?

...TO A MARRIAGE?

I CAN HELP. I *WANT* TO HELP.

WHAT IF SHE BEGINS TO RESENT YOU?

I...I DON'T NEED...MARRIAGE COUNSELING FROM...

...YOU.

NO NEED TO GET THIS ANGRY, SUPERMAN. I ONLY WANTED TO HELP...

SOMETHING IS...WRONG...

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HM. PITY SUPERMAN DIDN'T WANT TO WORK WITH ME. THIS COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED.

SOMETHING TRIGGERED THE RED KRYPTONITE... BUT THIS TIME IS... *DIFFERENT...*

WHAT DID YOU DO TO ME?

I DID--

BOOM

RRAAGGHHH!!

SUPERMAN...?

RUN.

WHAT DID YOU DO, LUTHOR?!

CONTAIN HIM UNTIL BACKUP ARRIVES!

RRAGGHHRRR!

BEEP BEEP BEEP

ZAP ZAP ZAP

YOU DID THIS, DIDN'T YOU?

THIS WAS YOUR PLAN FROM THE BEGINNING...

PHARM.

GRAFT.

YOU CAUSED THIS. YOUR RED K TURNED SUPERMAN INTO A TICKING TIME BOMB.

BUT NOW YOU'RE GOING TO HELP ME FIND A CURE TO SAVE HIM.

OH LEX. IT'S SO GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN.

OUR GAME CONTINUES.

I MUST SAY MY DEAR BROTHER AND I ARE INTRIGUED... BUT OF COURSE, WHAT'S IN IT FOR *US?*

AFTER WE SAVE HIM... I PROMISE YOU THE THREE OF US WILL FIGHT...

"...TO THE DEATH."

RAAGGHHH! GET AWAY FROM ME!

NO, NO, NO... I CAN CONTROL IT...

TERRIFIC... I NEED HELP AT STRYKER'S...

THE RED KRYPTONITE POISONING IS DRAINING MY POWERS... I FEEL LIKE I MIGHT ***EXPLODE.*** I NEED YOU TO--

FWSSH FWSSH FWSSH

METROPOLIS CALLS ME TO YOU AGAIN...

METROPOLIS MUST BE SAVED...

...FROM YOU, SUPERMAN!

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THE MAN OF STEEL IS METROPOLIS'S MOST DANGEROUS THREAT...

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CAPE TOWN.
FOUR YEARS AFTER G-DAY.

KING SHARK, CHECK IN PLEASE...

WELFARE CHECK, NANAUE... ARE YOU OKAY?

UNNNHHHH...

JUSTICE LEAGUE VS. GODZILLA VS. KONG 2

#1 PREVIEW

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NANAUE...IT'S JUNE, IF YOU CAN HEAR US, PLEASE RESPOND.

I'M SEEING VERY LITTLE BRAIN ACTIVITY.

HE HAD LITTLE TO START WITH, BUT YES...

...AS I PREDICTED, "TITANIZING" HAS AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON SYNAPTIC ACTIVITY.

YOU CAN'T CONTROL HIM, WALLER. HE'S LITTLE MORE THAN A MINDLESS MONSTER.

MAGNITUDE CONFIRMED.

WHERE ARE WE WITH VIABILITY?

INCOMING. ENCHANTRESS, YOU AND LUTHOR GET OUT OF THERE.

EVACUATING NOW--

RRAAAAAGHHHHHH

RRAAAAAAAGHHHHH

RRAAAAAAWWWR

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INTERVIEW WITH BRIAN BUCCELLATO

Get ready for another epic showdown in *Justice League vs. Godzilla vs. Kong 2*! In this highly anticipated sequel, the Justice League faces even bigger challenges as Task Force X unleashes new hybrid Titans to threaten both Earth and Legendary Earth. *New York Times* bestselling writer Brian Buccellato dives into the thrilling developments and new twists fans can expect from this monstrous sequel.

What made you excited about jumping back into the epic world of *Justice League vs. Godzilla vs. Kong*?

Besides passionately loving both worlds and having the tattoos to prove it, the first series was absolutely the most fun I've ever had. So coming back and doing it again was a no-brainer for me.

How are you planning to take things to the next level? What bigger challenges can the Justice League expect this time around?

I've got a few tricks up my sleeve. First, I wanted to take the DC heroes to the Legendary Earth so we could have fun in their world—which includes monsters like King Ghidorah and Rodan, and the massive creatures that lurk within Hollow Earth.

Taking on Gidorah, Rodan, and some still-unannounced Legendary Titans will give the heroes a bunch of gigantic new challenges to overcome. And of course, there is still Godzilla and Kong to contend with.

Which new characters or team-ups are you most looking forward to, and what makes those pairings so special?

Spoiler...since we last saw Lex Luthor in the first series, he has been thrust into Task Force X against his will. So he will be involved with Amanda Waller, the Suicide Squad, and a surprise villain from the Legendary world.

Also, taking a page from all the fun I had working on *Injustice*...Batman and Harley Quinn are among the most unlikely pairings in the series.

How has your collaboration with artist Christian Duce evolved since the first crossover?

I don't know if it has evolved, per se...I think he's such a talented and skilled artist that he is making my job as easy as he did last time. And in return I'm trying to give him a few more splash pages and two-page spreads. Last time I packed so much story into the issues that I didn't do him any favors with panel counts. Sorry, Christian! I promise to do better this time.

What do you think fans will love most about this sequel? What moments or surprises should they look out for?

The "Titanizing" is a big deal, both in-story and visually for the readers. The DC heroes going toe-to-toe with the Titans is a spectacle you wouldn't normally get to see. Can't wait to see what Christian does with those pages!

Also, Superman versus Godzilla. The rematch. We can't have the sequel series without that.

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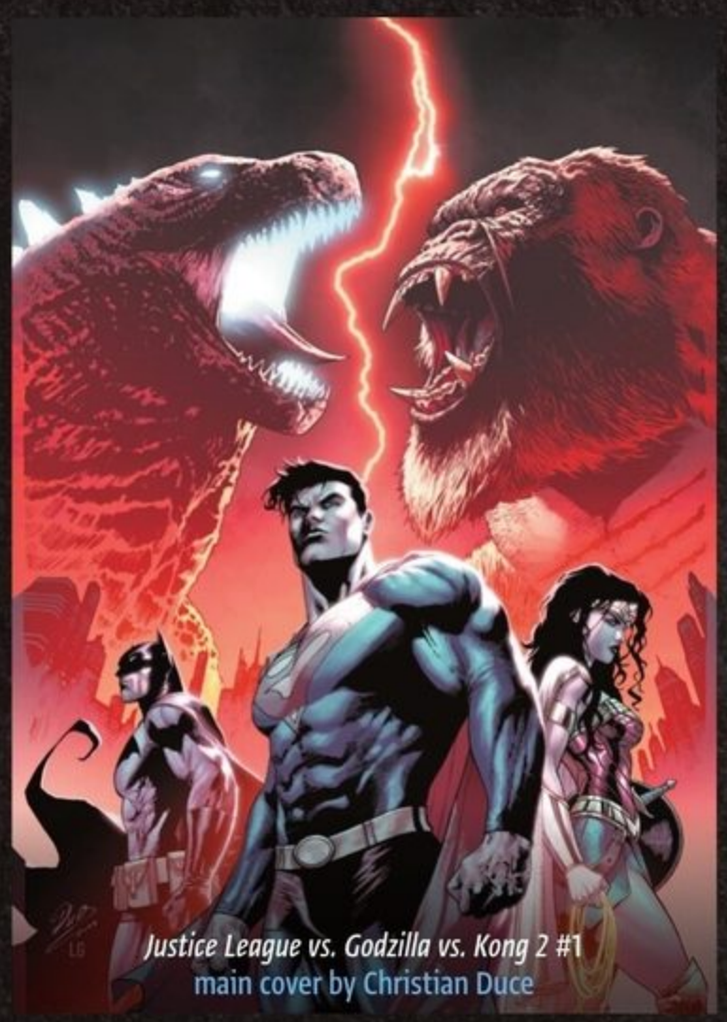

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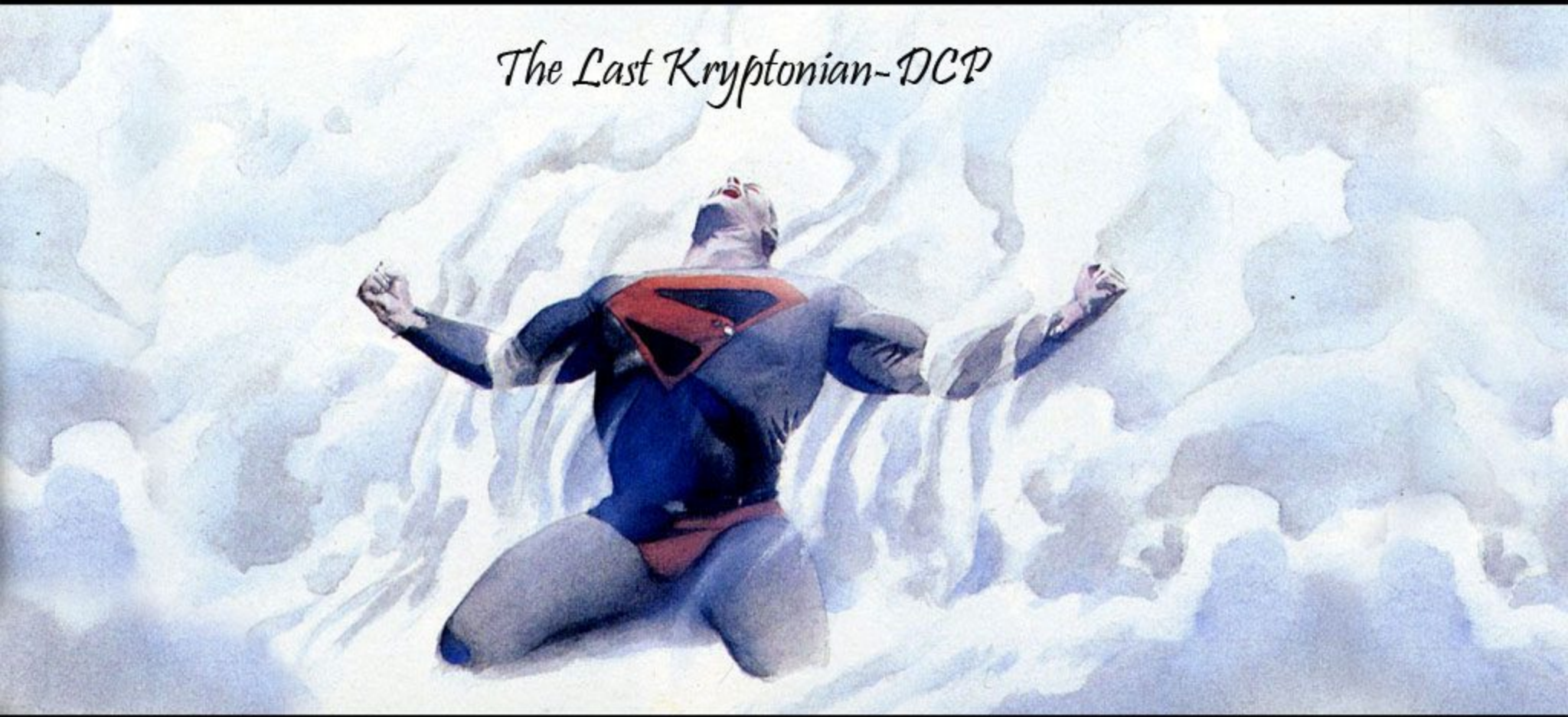
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